



SteYning Festival 2018

26th May – 9th June

PRESS RELEASE

LINE UP, LINE UP, FOR THE STEYNING FESTIVAL!

The line up for the 2018 SteYning Festival has just been announced and very exciting it is. Amongst the headline acts are Barry Cryer and Colin Sell, staples of *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*, legendary jazz bassist Herbie Flowers, *Peep Show's* Robert Webb, and Soul II Soul with Jazzie B. Other big names include Baroness Floella Benjamin, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, children's author Julia Donaldson, and Simon Nye, responsible for many successful TV shows, most recently *The Durrells*.

The 16 day Festival with a theme of Revolution starts on Saturday 26 May. The mix of music, drama, dance, art, poetry, literature, talks, walks, community events and craft activities, has something for all ages, whether a fun day, a sing-along to *Bugsy Malone*, a Young Dancer of the Year competition, or the naughty and satirical Bounder and Cad, who have performed at 10, Downing Street. Live Lounge, the popular music event, celebrates its tenth anniversary, there's a wine and beer festival, and if you're young and active there's A Breakin' Convention with graffiti and streetfunk.

In contrast there's dreamy English folk music from the South Downs Trio, a pirate adventure, Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, explorations of Gluck and Byron, you can co-create your own SteYning Revolution Bag, Sir Anthony Seldon asks how artificial

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intelligence is changing education and our world, Professor Andrew Coates looks for life on Mars, award-winning journalist John Pilkington ponders what next for Russia and Europe, consultant radiologist Malcolm Johnston explores the science of music, there's a jamming session for massed ukuleles, and a specially commissioned piece by two dancers from Ballet Rambert. And for literary buffs there's a wealth of writing talent, including Salley Vickers, Sarah Dunant, Amanda Craig and Sarah Gristwood. Simon Brett and Elly Griffiths are the judges at a Short Stories Awards Dinner, and Mark Billingham, Sarah Hilary, Erin Kelly and William Shaw make up an excellent crime writers' panel. The Steyning Festival has something to whet every appetite.

Tickets can be booked from 20th April on www.steyningfestival.co.uk

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NOTE TO EDITORS

- For further information please contact: Nigel Hartley media@steyningfestival.co.uk 01903 810085
- Christine Aubrey, Chair of Steyning Festival, is available for interview. chair@steyningfestival.co.uk 01903 879986
- Photo opportunities will be available
- 2 photographs accompany this press release: opening procession 2016; Barry Cryer and Colin Sell (photograph courtesy of All Electric Productions).

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